

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas L. Meredith

Serial No.: 09/615,643 √
Filed: July 13, 2000

For: Composite Bone Material Implant And Prosthesis

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Advisory Action mailed as part of an Office Communication on December 19, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.36(a), Applicant kindly requests an additional one month extension of time. Applicant has previously paid \$210 to cover a requested two month extension of time. Enclosed is a check for \$265.00 to cover the additional one month extension.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114, one this day Applicant has concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination, including the required submission and the applicable fee to Mail Stop 313(c).

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Amendment and Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this Response and a check for \$265.00 for the additional one month extension are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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Date